



Welcome! It is wonderful have you with us. Everybody you see here was a newcomer at one time, and we've all had questions—possibly like some that you may have today.

The faith community of St. Thomas's Parish believes that everyone has been invited to follow the Way of Jesus, who commands us to love God and to love our neighbors. Therefore, we are committed to embrace and respect people of every age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity; people who live with all mental and physical abilities, in all socio-economic conditions, in all household compositions, and with every citizenship status, including immigrant and refugee; people who hold diverse political and theological backgrounds, beliefs, and questions. Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, as God's beloved, you are worthy and welcome here!

#### Today's Service

We are worshipping both in-person and via live-stream on YouTube. Full-text bulletins are distributed at all services and posted on our parish website. At the in-person service, "busy bags" for children and a dedicated sensory-friendly "soft space" can be found at the back of the sanctuary. We follow directions from our diocese for in-person pandemic precautions; masking is currently optional.

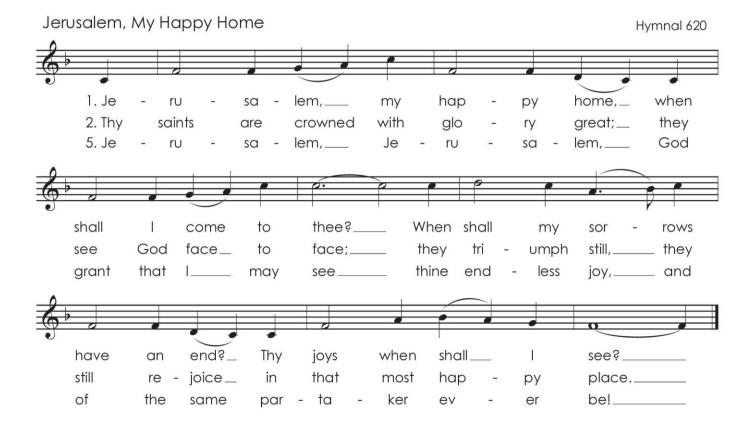
We commit ourselves to ensuring that our place of worship is a safe place where all can feel comfortable and know that they are accepted and loved. In the Episcopal church, everybody doesn't always do things in the same way. But **when you're worshiping God, you can't get it wrong!** If you would like help, ask anyone in the pews around you or speak with Fr. Howie.

#### Learn More about St. Thomas's

At the end of this booklet, as well as on our website, you will find information about our weekly worship services and about opportunities to learn and grow in the faith through our Christian education programs for all ages. There also you can explore opportunities to join us in service to the Newark community through the Episcopal Campus Ministry and "Blue Hen Bounty" food pantry, through our work in support of the Newark Empowerment Center, through refugee resettlement and other programs of community service.

Thank you for joining us today. Your presence is a blessing to us. Fill out a visitor card in your pew and leave it with a clergyperson or an usher if you would like to be contacted. We hope to see you again soon!

# **Procession**



#### PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel:

The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment

greater than these."

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

--Silence--

All Most merciful God.

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

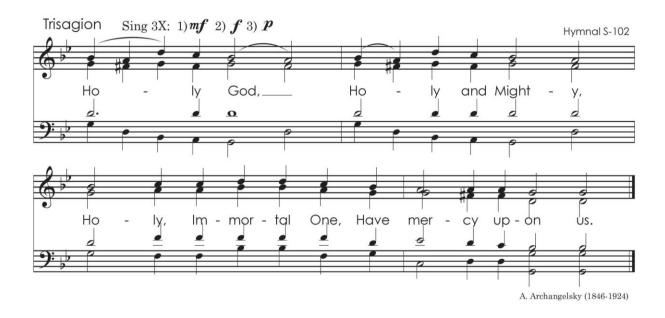
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins

through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all

goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you

in eternal life. Amen.



### Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

THE LESSONS seated

First Lesson Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

### Confitemini Domino



- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for / he is good,\* and his mercy endures / for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has re/deemed proclaim\* that he redeemed them from the hand / of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the / lands;\* from the east and from the west, from the north / and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to re/bellious ways;\* they were afflicted because / of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of / food\* and drew near / to death's door.



- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their / trouble,\* and he delivered them / from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and / healed them\* and saved / them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his / mercy\* and the wonders he does for / his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanks/giving\* and tell of his acts / with shouts of joy.

## **Epistle Lesson**

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### Gradual anthem

God So Loved the World

John Stainer (1840-1901) From The Crucifixion

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, That who-so believeth in him should not perish, But have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, But that the world through him might be saved.

**The Gospel** John 3:14-21 standing

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

seated at the preacher's invitation

THE NICENE CREED standing

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made. of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With all our heart and all our mind, let us come before the Throne of Grace and ask God's mercy for ourselves and for the whole world.

For the evil we do	Lord, have mercy
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For the good we fail to do Lord, have mercy

For the faith we lack Lord, have mercy

For the blessings we take for granted Lord, have mercy

For the grace to turn again

and believe Lord, have mercy

For the light of the Gospel to guide

our feet Lord, have mercy

For the example of the saints to

strengthen our faith Lord, have mercy

For the glory of the Cross to shape

our lives Lord, have mercy

For the Church in every place Lord, have mercy

For the faithful who suffer for Christ Lord, have mercy

For those who do not yet believe Lord, have mercy

For those who have lost their faith Lord, have mercy

For the nations and peoples of the

world Lord, have mercy

For those who make war and those

who make peace Lord, have mercy

For those driven from their homes

by fear Lord, have mercy

For those blinded by greed and

hatred Lord, have mercy

For our neighbors who go hungry Lord, have mercy

For our neighbors who are unemployed

Lord, have mercy

For our neighbors who are lonely

Lord, have mercy

For our neighbors who have no hope

Lord, have mercy

For all we love who are sick or in any kind of trouble, those listed in this morning's service leaflet, those we name now, silently or aloud, and those known only to God

Lord, have mercy

For the Episcopal Church, and for St Nicholas Church, Newark

Lord, have mercy

For those who serve in the armed forces, especially those listed in this morning's service leaflet, those we name now, silently or aloud, and all who risk their lives for others

Lord, have mercy

For all the faithful departed, especially those we name now, silently or aloud and all those who have gone before us in this parish

Lord, have mercy

Holy God Holy and mighty Holy and immortal Have mercy on us. **Amen**.

THE PEACE

standing

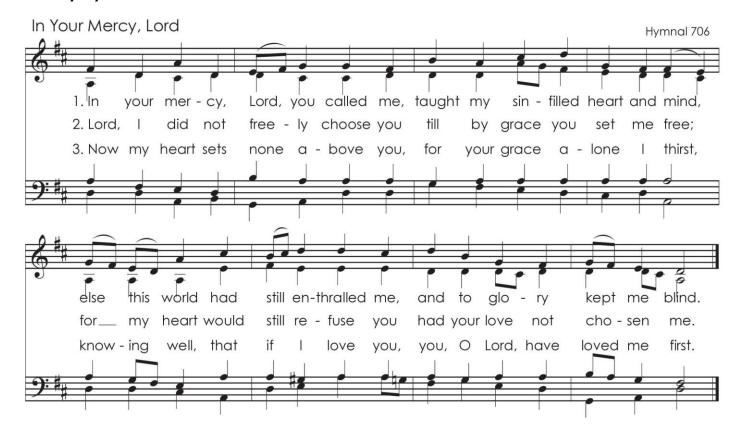
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### **OFFERTORY**

Our offerings are an act of worship through which we respond with gratitude to God's grace, love, and mercy, putting our trust in the Lord into action. You may place your offering in the plate, or—you can give electronically though our website (QR code on the back of this booklet) and place an "online giving" card in the plate. With the bread and the wine, these donations are carried to the altar and offered to the Lord on our behalf.

#### **Offertory Hymn**



#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. [*Proper Preface*] Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, send Jesus Christ, you only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said "Take eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

## Celebrant and People

#### Acclamation A



The Celebrant continues We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascention, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.** 

Celebrant And now, as our Savior

Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

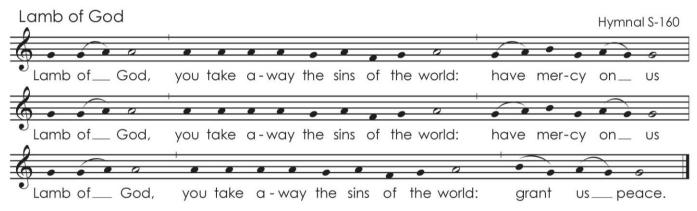
#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People

Therefore let us keep the feast.



Anaphora chant; Mass 18; adapt. Mason Martens

Celebrant

Behold the Lamb of God,

Behold Him who takes away the sins of the world;

Happy are they who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

All

O Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

All are welcome to come forward up the center aisle to receive from the priest either the sacrament of Christ or a blessing. If you desire a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. Receive the host in open hands. Gluten-free bread is available; you may request it from the priest when you come to the front of the line. Receiving the wine is optional. To take the wine, drink from it or intinct (carefully dip) the bread into the cup. Please use the side aisles to return to your pew. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher to let the clergy know, and communion will be brought to you

THE COMMUNION

- silent prayer -

#### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

ΑII

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements
Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

## Prayer over the People

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and

grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

### Processing into the community



#### Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please take this service booklet home with you, and mark your calendar with upcoming events. These dates are also noted on our parish calendar, found in the emailed weekly newsletter "The Carpenter's Helper" as well as through on our website. If you choose to leave this service booklet, please know that it will be recycled as part of our commitment to care for creation.



# Land Acknowledgment

The Episcopal Church in Delaware

The churches, buildings, and properties of the Episcopal Church in Delaware are located on land that was and continues to be home to the Nanticoke and Lenni-Lenape people.

We honor and express gratitude for the native peoples who have inhabited, cultivated, and nourished this land for thousands of years. In paying our respect to their rich and diverse cultures, we acknowledge and lament the violence and systematic oppression inflicted upon indigenous peoples.

We repent of these historic and ongoing sins. With God's help, we will strive for justice and peace among all peoples, and respect the dignity of every human being.

## **Worship Opportunities:**

- Sundays at 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I spoken, in-person and via YouTube
- Sundays at 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music, in-person and via YouTube
- Wednesdays at noon Intercessory Prayer with Holy Communion, in-person
- Thursdays at 7 pm Compline Evening Prayer, live via Zoom

#### Growth and Fellowship:

- Scheduled Sundays at 9:15 am- adult education in the great hall classroom
  - o Check our parish calendar for a complete listing
- Sundays at 10:00 am Children's Ministries in the Undercroft
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 9:15 am Novel Theology in the parlor and via Zoom
- Last Sunday of the month Family Church Sunday
- Last Sunday of the month Coffee and Fellowship between services
- 3rd Monday of the month- Hope Dining Room service
- Wednesdays at 10:30 am Lectionary Bible Study

#### **Upcoming Parish Events:**

- TODAY- Annual Meeting and Daylight Savings
- March 16- Poets' Corner, Marceline White
- March 23- Blood Drive
- March 25-30 Holy Week
- March 31- Easter Sunday

#### To reserve an appointment for the 3/23 St Thomas blood drive:

https://donate.bbd.org/donor/schedules/drive schedule/9893

Please let your friends and neighbors know about this opportunity to save a life!

If you have anything to add to the <u>Parish calendar</u> or the <u>Carpenter's Helper newsletter</u>, please email the office at <u>StThomassOffice@googlegroups.com</u>.

To see a full listing of parish worship, events, or news, visit our website: <a href="https://www.stThomasNewarkDE.church">www.stThomasNewarkDE.church</a>

# Parish Calendar

## Monday, 3/11

- (U) Private Meeting, 6-7:30pm
- (G) Scottish Dancing, 7-9:30pm

## Tuesday, 3/12

- (G) Private Meeting, 4:30-6:30pm
- (G) Ballroom Dancing, 6-10pm
- (U) AA group, 8-9:30pm

## Wednesday, 3/13

- (C) Lectionary Bible Study, 10:30-11:30am
- Service of Intercessory Prayer, 12-1pm
- (G, K) Private meeting 6-9pm

# Thursday, 3/14

- (Z) Compline Evening Prayer, 7-7:30pm
- (G) Bluegrass Acoustic Jam, 7:30-10pm

# **Friday**, 3/15

- (C) Blue Hen Bounty, 9am-12pm
- (P) Al-Anon, 11:30am-1:30pm
- (P) Women's AA Group, 6:30-7:30pm

# Saturday, 3/16

 (S) Poets' Corner: Marceline White, 4:30-6:30pm

## **Sunday**, 3/17

- Holy Eucharist, Rite I spoken, 8-8:45am
- (C) Novel Theology, 9:15-10:15am
- (P) Adult Ed, Christianity and Mental Health, 9-10am
- Sunday School, 10:15am
- Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music, 10:30-11:45am
- (G) Private Meeting, 3-6pm
- (G) Ballroom Dancing, 6-10pm

# Location key:

- (C) Classroom off the Great Hall
- (G) Great Hall
- (Gr) Grove
- (K) Kitchen
- (M) Music Room
- (P) Parlor
- (S) Sanctuary
- (U) Undercroft
- (Z) Zoom

# Parish Prayer List

John S Adele T Chuck & Paula R Pam D Archer family Claire L Jonny K Pat & Emmett J Art W Connie L Judy B Paula B Court W Austin M & Krissy V Julie Reggie I Barbara S D Green June G Richardson family Barry G Dana Karen R Rick R Bernice R Daphne D Kari F Ricky G David W Betty H Kathryn D Rory Blackman family Denise B Sabhi Kay Bob M Dennis R Kelly K Shannan D Krista B Bob P Devon MD Shannon A Bob S Lane family Diane B Sharon O Bob T Elaine W Larry Sheron H Brendan S Elmer T Laura G Shirley B Brennan family Erin & family Liz R Sondra B Brighton P Lorraine CS Sophie A Flora R Carew family Frank W Mara, Mike, South family Carl J Fred & Lori & Martha K Stacey & family Stephen M Carol G Freddie B Marge C Stover B Carol M Geoff C Margy H George H Maria P Sue L Carolyn V Cecily SH Gina H Marian S & family Susan & family Charles B Giorgio & family Marianne A Terri B Charlie H Harrison family Martha M Thomas M Charlie M & Ellen S Janice F Mary T Tom H Jean & Richard P Maryanne & Bob Chaun Tom P Chris C Jeff S Matt S Tom S Chris E Jim B Michael C Vicki G Chris G Jim R Mike G Walelgne Christine & Erich Jim T Morgen and family Mullens family Christine A & Francis John D Christine D John M Nancy G

We pray for all who serve our country abroad, in the military, in embassies, and in non-governmental organizations, especially...

Christie J Adam Kate Stacy Duncan P Stuart Annie R Kathy Tina Ben Grace H Kevin Tyler Bob James Luke Bradley Jeremy Marvin Victoria Brett Joe Matthew Brian Josh Nate Charlie K Kagen **Nicholas** 

To update or add to our parish prayer list,
please contact the office or speak with Fr Howie directly.

Please include a last name initial, and let us know if your loved one would like to be contacted by our pastoral care ministry or have a visit from a priest.

# **March Birthdays**

March 1 March 1 March 4
March 5 March 5 March 8
March 9 March 12 March 13
March 13 March 14 March 19
March 19 March 19 March 20
March 25 March 28 March 29
March 29 March 30 March 31

# **March Anniversaries**

Luke and Wendy Campbell March 16





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